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Lesotho is a Party to CITES, having ratified the convention on October 1, 2003. The date of entry into force was December 30, 2003. Post submitted the reftel points and questions to the Director of Environment at the Ministry of Tourism, Environment, and Culture. When the demarche was submitted, the Ministry did not know who would make up their delegation to COP15. We will alert the Department if we receive any substantive response to the talking points.

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